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PREPARATIONS FOR THE SIXTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

Informal consultations on preparations for the sixth session of the General Conference

Report by the President of the thirteenth session of the Industrial Development Board, H.E. Dr. Ali Khalid El Hussein (Sudan)

1. According to Article 9.4 of the Constitution, the Board is required to prepare the provisional agenda for the General Conference sessions. At its thirteenth session, the Board reviewed the preparations for the sixth session of the General Conference and considered that further efforts should be made to simplify and consolidate the agenda. For that purpose, it requested the President of the Board to conduct informal consultations and to report on the results thereof to the Board at its next session (decision IDB.13/Dec.25).

2. Three rounds of informal consultations were convened, on 11 April, 18 May and 19 June 1995, all of which were attended by representatives from all geographical groups.

3. The participants had before them the list of items for inclusion in the provisional agenda as contained in document IDB.13/14, and two proposals for the grouping of those items submitted by the Secretariat and by the European Union, respectively.

4. It was agreed to recommend to the Industrial Development Board for approval at its fourteenth session the draft provisional agenda submitted by the European Union, with the introduction of some amendments, as reproduced in the annex to the present document.

5. Some proposals were also made by representatives of Member States and by the Secretariat concerning a possible theme for the Conference, but no agreement was reached during the informal consultations. It was agreed that the subject would be more appropriately discussed at the level of the Industrial Development Board.

6. In order to facilitate pre-Conference negotiations concerning a number of procedural matters well in advance of the Conference, the participants were provided with detailed background information on items 2, 5 and 6 of the draft provisional agenda, i.e. Election of officers, Credentials of representatives to the Conference and Elections to the Industrial Development Board and the Programme and Budget Committee.

ACTION REQUIRED OF THE BOARD

7. The Board may wish to consider the adoption of the draft provisional agenda contained in the annex to the present document as the provisional agenda for the sixth session of the General Conference.

Annex

DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SIXTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

1. Opening of the sixth session.
2. Election of officers:
   (a) Election of the President;
   (b) Election of other officers.
3. Adoption of the agenda.
4. Organization of work.
5. Credentials of representatives to the Conference.
6. Elections to organs:
   (a) Industrial Development Board;
   (b) Programme and Budget Committee.
7. Reports of the Industrial Development Board on the work of its twelfth, thirteenth and fourteenth regular sessions.
8. State and prospects of the reform and revitalization process:
   (a) UNIDO policy framework — Organizational and staff structure;
   (b) Annual reports of the Director-General on the activities of the Organization for 1993 and 1994;
   (c) Medium-term plan, 1996-2001;
   (d) Programme and budgets, 1996-1997;
   (e) Field representation.
9. Industrial development and cooperation activities:
   (a) Industrial development cooperation (General Assembly resolution 49/108, including the external debt and industrial development);
   (b) Industrial and technological growth and competitiveness;
   (c) Development of human resources for industry;
   (d) Equitable development through industrial development;
   (e) Environmentally sustainable industrial development;
   (f) International cooperation in industrial investment and technology, including cooperation among developing countries;
   (g) Industrialization of the least developed countries;
   (h) Private sector development;
   (i) Global priorities (follow-up to major United Nations conferences, e.g. International Conference on Population and Development, World Summit for Social Development, Fourth World Conference on Women);
   (j) Operational activities for development.
10. Regional priorities and programmes:
   (a) Africa (in particular the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa);
   (b) Arab countries;
   (c) Asia and the Pacific;
   (d) Latin America and the Caribbean;
   (e) Europe and Newly Independent States.
11. Mobilization of financial resources for UNIDO programmes.
12. Financial and administrative matters:
   (a) Financial situation of UNIDO;
   (b) Working Capital Fund;
   (c) Scale of assessments of Member States;
   (d) Appointment of External Auditor;
   (e) Personnel matters;
   (f) Headquarters agreement between UNIDO and the Republic of Austria;
   (g) Matters related to intergovernmental, non-governmental, governmental and other organizations;
   (h) Computerization programme.
13. Date and place of the seventh session.
14. Closure of the sixth session.